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United States of America, Cherokee
Nation Federal District ^{Western District of Arkansas}

Personally appeared before me the undersigned
United States Commissioner for the Western
District of Arkansas John R. Lord
and John Ross, who are Persecuted and well
known to me to be ^{and of good character} Reputable and well
~~known~~ ^{known} before any of the Courts of the Cherokee
Nation ~~of the Cherokee Nation~~ after being
Duly Sworn according to Law Says —
That they are respectively (78) yrs and
(68) years and John R. Lord resides
in Federal District Post office Tahlequah
S.S. and John Ross resides in Flint District
and his Post office Wauhatchie S.S.
They further say that they were personally associ-
ated with Betsey Thompson who lived
on the Conasauga River in the State
of Georgia. The said Betsey Thompson
was at least a three quarter blood
Cherokee Indian and she was enrolled
under the Treaty of 1835 as a Cherokee
Indian by blood and the Rolls should
show ~~her~~ ^{her} enrollment as before
stated. The affiants further says that
from the conversation held with the several
claimants to wit, Thomas Shaggs ⁴⁷ and
Thomas W. Shaggs and J. S. Shaggs

That they are undoubtedly Blood Relations of Betty Thompson as afore stated and the Party they Represent themselves to be in their Applications for Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation and are justly entitled to the Same. The affidavits further state that they have no interest Direct or Indirect in the Prosecution of the Claims of the within named applicants. Deponents further sayeth not

These _____ John R. ^{the} Gord
 _____ John ^{his} Ross

J. H. Kendall
 W. P. Ghoney.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Tahlequah and Terry this fifth day of December A.D. 1893

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Wm. P. Rasmus
 United States Commissioner

United States of America - Western District of Arkansas
 I, William P. Rasmus - a Commissioner of the Western District Court, within and for the District aforesaid do hereby certify that the next above and the foregoing ^{same} part of an affidavit, is a true and literal copy of the original exhibited to me at Tahlequah, it including evidence of good character - "such" - a applicant and interrelations of said of good character - them to credit - her - here on 15th day of December 1893.

Wm. P. Rasmus
 United States Commissioner